The cycle is based on "program year" (beginning at the Annual Conference (December 2006) and concluding the month prior to the next Annual Conference (December 2007).

Year 1

At the annual conference (December 2006) data elements for proposed additions, changes or deletions identified. Must be endorsed by at least 40% of the Data Coordinators attending the conference. Ballot sent out in spring (2007). Results posted on NCLIS/LSP website.

Year 2 (FY 2007 data collection)

At the annual conference (December 2007), training on new and revised data elements (that passed in Year 2007) will be provided. A new or revised data element will be reported on a trial basis by any State Data Coordinator able to do so. Trial data will be electronically released but not published.

Year 3 (FY 2008 data collection)

The added or changed data element will be reported in the annual data submission and will be electronically released and published.

Data Elements that Passed in 2007

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